

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1060 - SB 1285

March 20, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005791, 006268): Establishes that a claimant for unemployment insurance benefits who fails to appear for a scheduled job interview is non-compliant with the work search requirement of the unemployment insurance program and disqualified for applicable unemployment benefits for the week the failure occurred.

Requires the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD) to establish a portal on its website, an email, and a telephone hotline for employers to report an unemployment insurance claimant who fails to appear for a previously scheduled job interview.

Prior to denying a week of benefits to any such claimant for work search non-compliance, the DLWD must verify information submitted by an employer regarding a claimant's work search non-compliance.

Increases, from three to five, the number of work search activities per week that must be performed to retain eligibility for unemployment benefits. Establishes a list of acceptable work search activities.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Other Fiscal Impact - This legislation is estimated to result in a decrease in unemployment insurance payouts from the Unemployment Trust Fund. Any such decrease is based on multiple unknown factors and cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Assumption:

- Unemployment insurance is a federal-state program which requires adherence to federal regulations. The program is administered by the state with federal funds. Based on information from DLWD, the provisions of the proposed legislation will not put the state out of compliance with federal regulations.
- It is assumed that some recipients of unemployment insurance will fail to meet the demands of this legislation and will lose their benefits.
- The number of individuals which will fail to meet such new requirements and the resulting decrease in expenditures from the Unemployment Trust Fund is unknown.
- Based on information provided by the DLWD, the Department is currently building a new unemployment insurance website, regardless of this legislation. Adding a portal, as

required by this legislation, can be accomplished during such rebuild, resulting in no significant cost to the Department.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- This legislation will have no significant impact on jobs or commerce in this state.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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